

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 91-9 (As Amended)

Introduced by Council President Wilson and Council Members Barker & Parrott

Legislative Day No. 91-5 Date February 12, 1991

**AN ACT** to add new Article IIIA, Parking, to Chapter 244, Vehicles and Traffic; to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection I of Section 244-20, Parking Fines, of Article IV, Citations and Penalties; to add new Subsection I to Section 244-20, Parking Fines, of Article IV, Citations and Penalties; to transfer Section 244-17, General Parking Regulations, and Section 244-18, Impoundment and Sale of Vehicles Left Unattended, Record of Towed Vehicles, to new Article IIIA, Parking; to change the title of Article III, Commercial Vehicles and Parking, to Commercial Vehicles, all of Chapter 244, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to establish certain prohibitions and rules concerning the stopping, standing, and parking of vehicles; to establish certain exceptions to the prohibitions and rules; to establish fines for violation of these prohibitions; and generally relating to the stopping, standing and parking of vehicles.

By the Council, February 12, 1991

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: March 12, 1991

at: 7:15 P.M.

By Order: Doris Paulsen, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on March 12, 1991, and concluded on, March 12, 1991

Doris Paulsen, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford  
2 County, Maryland, That new Article IIIA, Parking, be, and it is  
3 hereby, added to Chapter 244, Vehicles and Traffic, that Subsection  
4 I of Section 244-20, Parking Fines, of Article IV, Citations and  
5 Penalties, of Chapter 244, Vehicles and Traffic, be, and it is  
6 hereby, repealed and reenacted with amendments, and that new  
7 Subsection I be, and it is hereby, added to Section 244-20, Parking  
8 Fines, of Article IV, Citations and Penalties, of Chapter 244,  
9 Vehicles and Traffic, all of the Harford County Code, as amended,  
10 and all to read as follows:

11 Chapter 244. Vehicles and Traffic.

12 ARTICLE IIIA. PARKING

13 SECTION 244-17.1. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING.

14 A. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY EXCEPT AS NECESSARY  
15 TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH OTHER TRAFFIC OR IN COMPLIANCE WITH LAW OR  
16 THE DIRECTIONS OF A POLICE OFFICER OR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE.

17 (1) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK A VEHICLE IN  
18 FRONT OF A PUBLIC DRIVEWAY.

19 (2) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK A VEHICLE ON  
20 A SIDEWALK.

21 (3) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK A VEHICLE IN  
22 AN INTERSECTION.

23 (4) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK A VEHICLE ON  
24 A CROSSWALK.

25 (5) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK A VEHICLE  
26 BETWEEN A SAFETY ZONE AND THE ADJACENT CURB OR WITHIN 30 FEET OF  
27 POINTS ON THE CURB IMMEDIATELY OPPOSITE THE ENDS OF A SAFETY ZONE,

1 UNLESS A DIFFERENT LENGTH IS INDICATED BY SIGNS OR MARKINGS.

2 (6) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK A VEHICLE  
3 ALONGSIDE OR OPPOSITE ANY HIGHWAY EXCAVATION OR OBSTRUCTION IF TO  
4 DO SO WOULD OBSTRUCT THE NORMAL FLOW OR MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC.

5 (7) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK A VEHICLE ON  
6 ANY BRIDGE OR OTHER ELEVATED STRUCTURE ON A HIGHWAY.

7 (8) A PERSON MAY NOT STAND OR PARK A VEHICLE IN FRONT  
8 OF A PRIVATE DRIVEWAY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT  
9 OF THE PREMISES.

10 (9) A PERSON MAY NOT STAND OR PARK A VEHICLE WITHIN 15  
11 FEET OF A FIRE HYDRANT.

12 (10) A PERSON MAY NOT STAND OR PARK A VEHICLE WITHIN 20  
13 FEET OF A CROSSWALK AT AN INTERSECTION.

14 (11) A PERSON MAY NOT STAND OR PARK A VEHICLE WITHIN 30  
15 FEET ON THE APPROACH TO ANY FLASHING SIGNAL, STOP SIGN, YIELD SIGN,  
16 OR TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL LOCATED AT THE SIDE OF A ROADWAY.

17 (12) A PERSON MAY NOT STAND OR PARK A VEHICLE WITHIN 20  
18 FEET OF THE DRIVEWAY OR ENTRANCE TO ANY FIRE STATION OR ON THE SIDE  
19 OF A HIGHWAY OPPOSITE THE DRIVEWAY OR ENTRANCE TO ANY FIRE STATION  
20 WITHIN 75 FEET OF THE DRIVEWAY OR ENTRANCE.

21 (13) A PERSON MAY NOT STAND OR PARK A VEHICLE ON THE  
22 ROADWAY SIDE OF ANY OTHER VEHICLE THAT IS STOPPED OR PARKED AT THE  
23 EDGE OR CURB OF A HIGHWAY.

24 (14) A PERSON MAY NOT STAND OR PARK A VEHICLE ON A CURVE  
25 OR HILL WHERE SOLID LINES ON THE SURFACE OF THE ROADWAY INDICATE  
26 A ZONE IN WHICH PASSING IS PROHIBITED.

1 (15) A PERSON MAY NOT PARK A VEHICLE WITHIN 50 FEET OF  
2 THE NEAREST RAIL IN A RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING.

3 (16) A PERSON MAY NOT PARK A VEHICLE ON ANY PROPERTY  
4 OWNED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY WHERE PARKING IS  
5 PROHIBITED BY AN OFFICIAL SIGN.

6 (17) A PERSON MAY NOT STAND OR PARK A VEHICLE WITHIN 30  
7 FEET OF AN INTERSECTION.

8 B. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION:

9 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, PARK, OR LEAVE STANDING  
10 ON THE ROADWAY ANY VEHICLE, WHETHER ATTENDED OR UNATTENDED, IF IT  
11 IS PRACTICABLE TO STOP, PARK, OR LEAVE THE VEHICLE STANDING OFF THE  
12 ROADWAY.

13 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT LEAVE ANY VEHICLE STANDING ON  
14 A HIGHWAY WITHOUT PROVIDING AN UNOBSTRUCTED WIDTH OF THE ROADWAY  
15 OPPOSITE THE STANDING VEHICLE FOR THE FREE PASSAGE OF OTHER  
16 VEHICLES.

17 (C) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP ANY VEHICLE ON A HIGHWAY  
18 UNLESS IT CAN BE SEEN CLEARLY FROM 200 FEET AWAY IN EACH DIRECTION  
19 ON THE ROADWAY.

20 (2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE DRIVER OF A  
21 VEHICLE THAT HAS BECOME UNINTENTIONALLY SO DISABLED WHILE ON THE  
22 HIGHWAY THAT THE DRIVER CANNOT AVOID STOPPING AND TEMPORARILY  
23 LEAVING IT THERE.

24 C. A VEHICLE THAT IS STOPPED OR PARKED ON A TWO-WAY ROADWAY  
25 SHALL BE STOPPED OR PARKED PARALLEL TO THE RIGHT HAND CURB OR EDGE  
26 OF THE ROADWAY, WITH ITS RIGHT HAND WHEELS WITHIN 12 INCHES OF THAT

1 CURB OR EDGE OF THE ROADWAY.

2 D. A VEHICLE THAT IS STOPPED OR PARKED ON A ONE-WAY ROADWAY  
3 SHALL BE STOPPED OR PARKED PARALLEL TO THE CURB OR EDGE OF THE  
4 ROADWAY, IN THE DIRECTION OF AUTHORIZED TRAFFIC MOVEMENT, WITH:

5 (1) ITS RIGHT HAND WHEELS WITHIN 12 INCHES OF THE RIGHT  
6 HAND CURB OR EDGE OF THE ROADWAY; OR

7 (2) ITS LEFT HAND WHEELS WITHIN 12 INCHES OF THE LEFT  
8 HAND CURB OR EDGE OF THE ROADWAY.

9 E. (1) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK A VEHICLE ON  
10 ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY NOT OWNED BY THE OWNER OR DRIVER OF THE  
11 VEHICLE UNLESS THE PERSON HAS EXPRESS OR IMPLIED PERMISSION FROM  
12 THE PROPERTY OWNER, THE PROPERTY OWNER'S TENANT, OR THE PROPERTY  
13 OWNER'S AGENT.

14 (2) UPON THE REQUEST OF THE PROPERTY OWNER, THE PROPERTY  
15 OWNER'S AGENT, OR THE PROPERTY OWNER'S TENANT, A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
16 OFFICER MAY ISSUE A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION.

17 F. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

18 (1) AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY  
19 CALL; OR

20 (2) WHEN USED TO PERFORM WORK THAT NECESSITATES IT BEING  
21 POSITIONED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, A VEHICLE OWNED OR  
22 OPERATED BY;

23 (a) A GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY REGULATED BY THE  
24 STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION;

25 (b) A TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY;

26 (c) A CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY OPERATING UNDER A

1 FRANCHISE GRANTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL; OR

2 (d) ANY ENTITY PERFORMING CONTRACTUAL WORK FOR A  
3 COMPANY LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

4 Article IV. Citations and Penalties.

5 Section 244-20. Parking Fines.

6 I. THE FINE FOR PARKING IN VIOLATION OF ANY  
7 PROVISION OF § 244-17.1 IS \$25.

8 [I.] J. A five-dollar late fee shall be imposed  
9 for every thirty (30) CALENDAR days or fraction thereof beyond the  
10 due date of the citation or the trial date, in the event that a  
11 trial date is requested, unless the charge has been satisfied or  
12 discharged by the District Court of Harford County.

13 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, That Section 244-17,  
14 General Parking Regulations, and Section 244-18, Impoundment and  
15 Sale of Vehicles Left Unattended; Record of Towed Vehicles, be, and  
16 they are hereby, transferred to Article IIIA, Parking, of Chapter  
17 244, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Harford County Code, as amended,  
18 as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

19 Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted, That the title of Article  
20 III, Commercial Vehicles and Parking, of Chapter 244, Vehicles and  
21 Traffic, of the Harford County Code, as amended, be, and it is  
22 hereby, amended to be Article III, Commercial Vehicles.

23 Section 4. And Be It Further Enacted, That this Act shall take  
24 effect 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

25 EFFECTIVE: May 28, 1991

BY THE COUNCIL

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Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 91-9 (March 19, 1991)

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive  
for her approval this 20th day of March, 1991  
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Lillian M. Behrman  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Date 3-27-91

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, (No. 91-9 As Amended), having been approved by the  
Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on March 27, 1991.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 28, 1991